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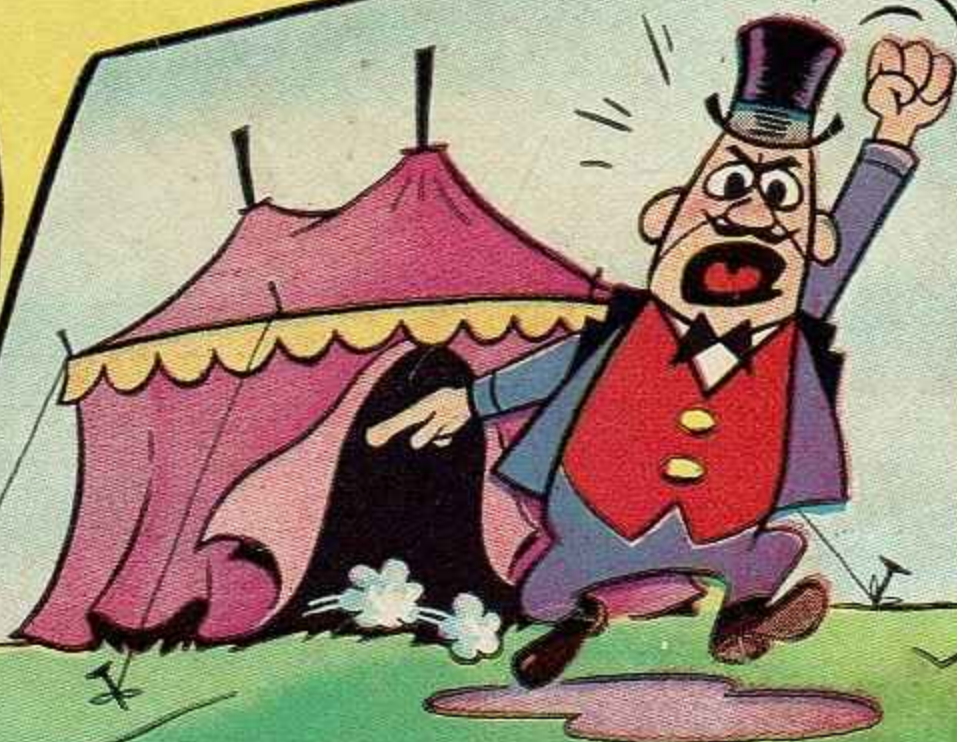
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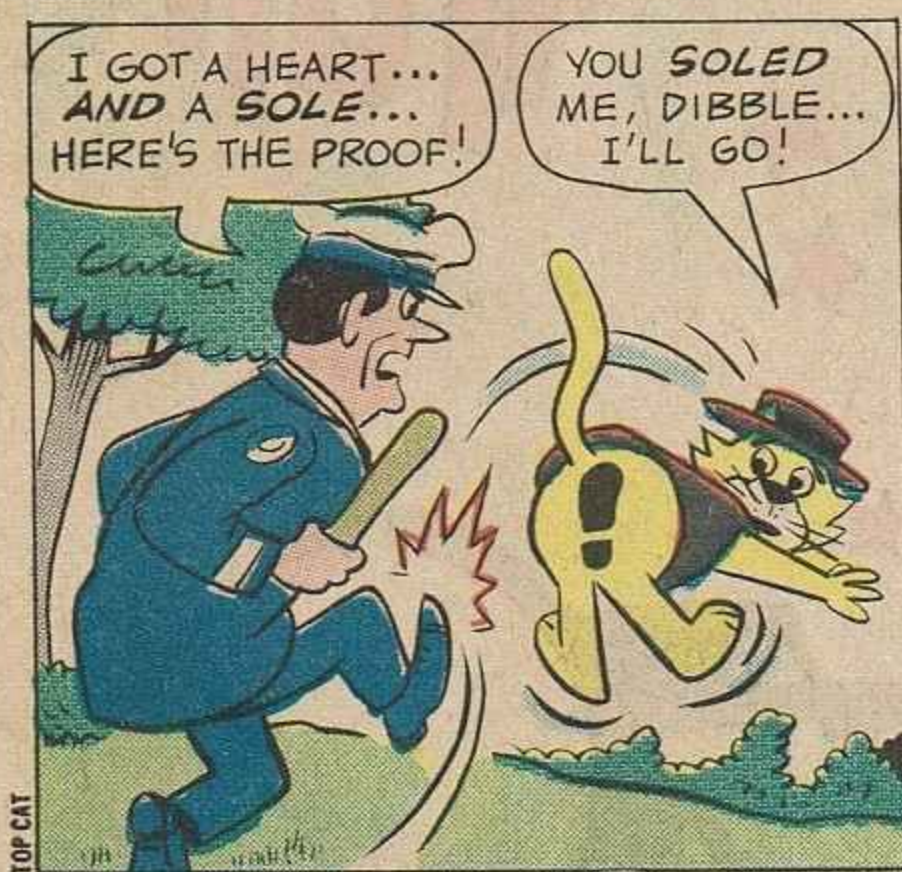
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FLEA
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TOP CAT in T.C.'s LUCKY DAY

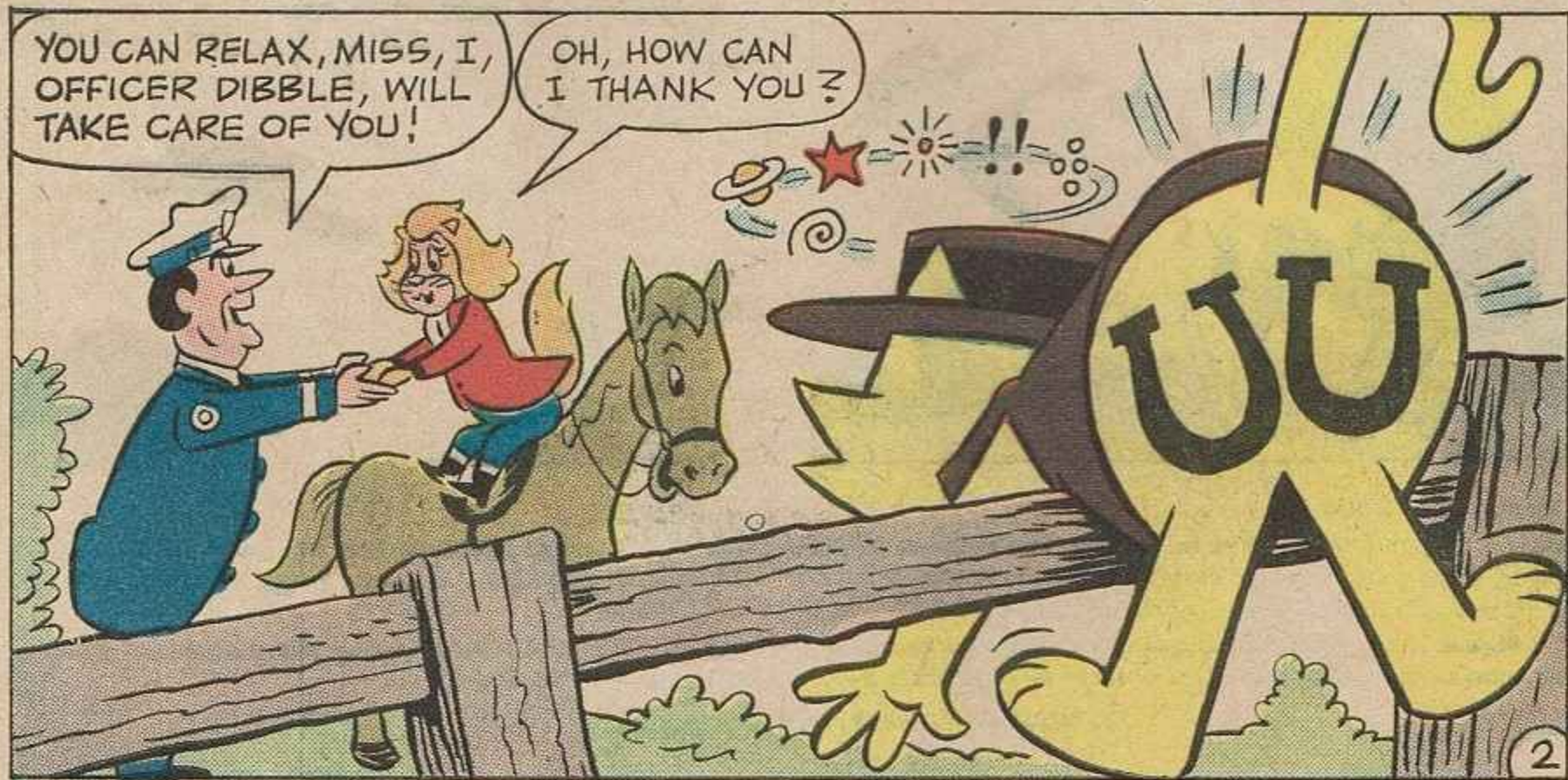


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IN COME FLY MY KITE!

WHADDYA MEAN I CAN'T FLY MY KITE TODAY?

IT'S GONNA RAIN, T.C.! IT'LL GET WET!



YEAH... IT MAY RAIN...

...BUT THAT WON'T STOP ME!

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LA-DEE-DA-
RAMONA-DUM-
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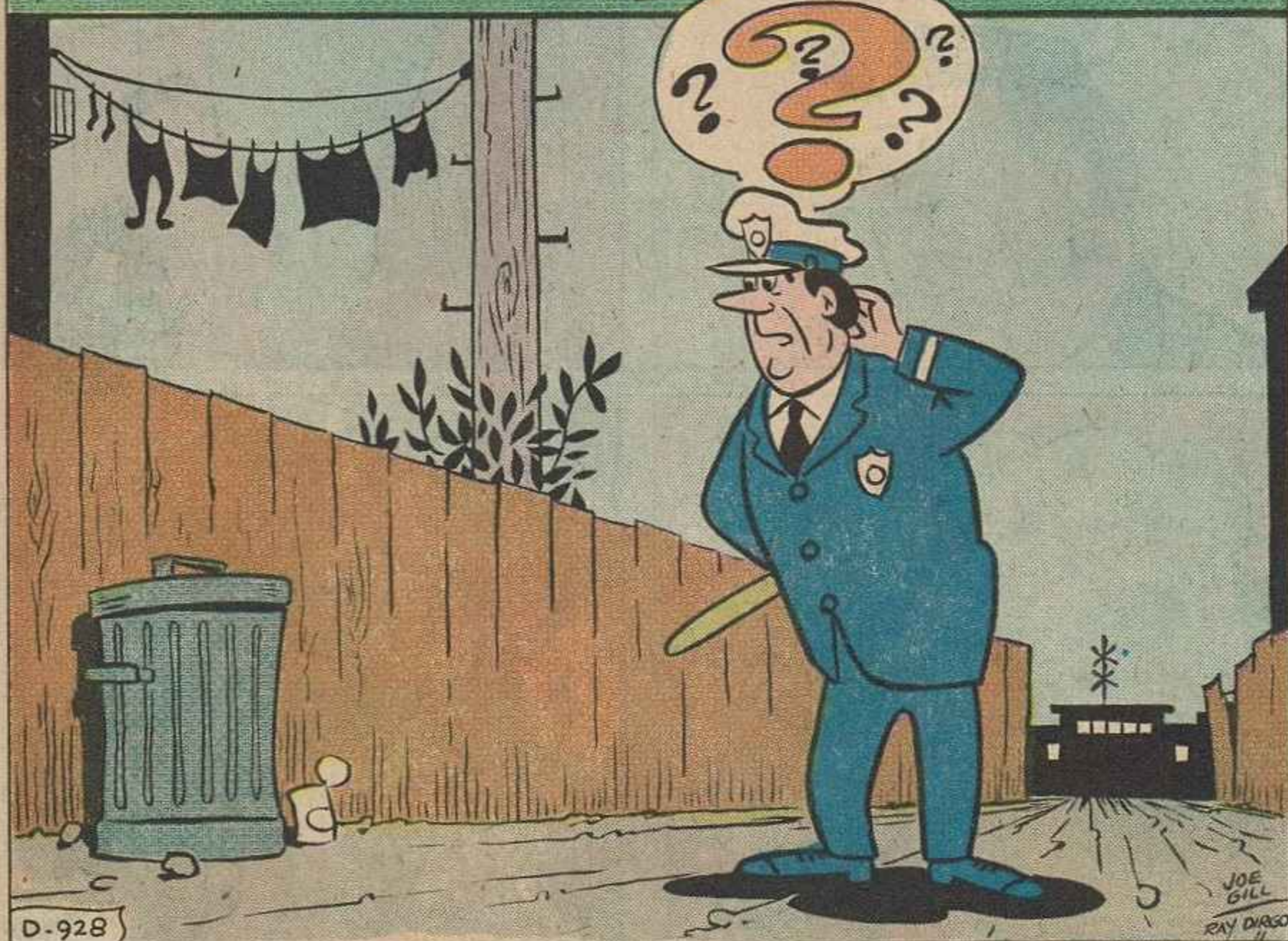
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO YOUR KITE, T.C.?

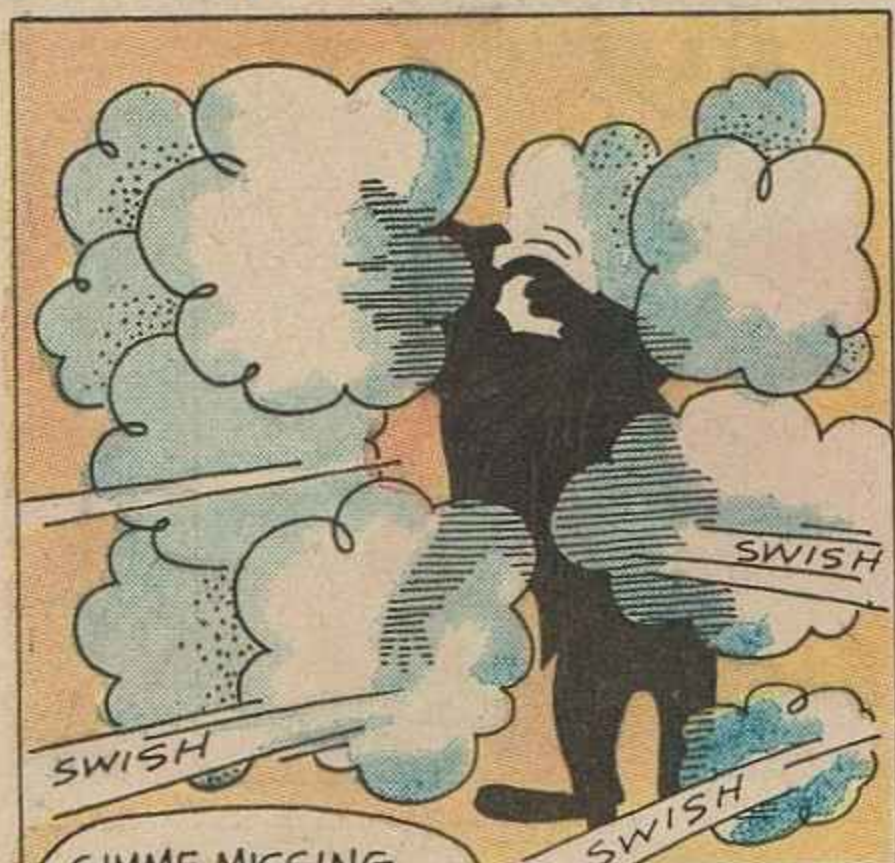
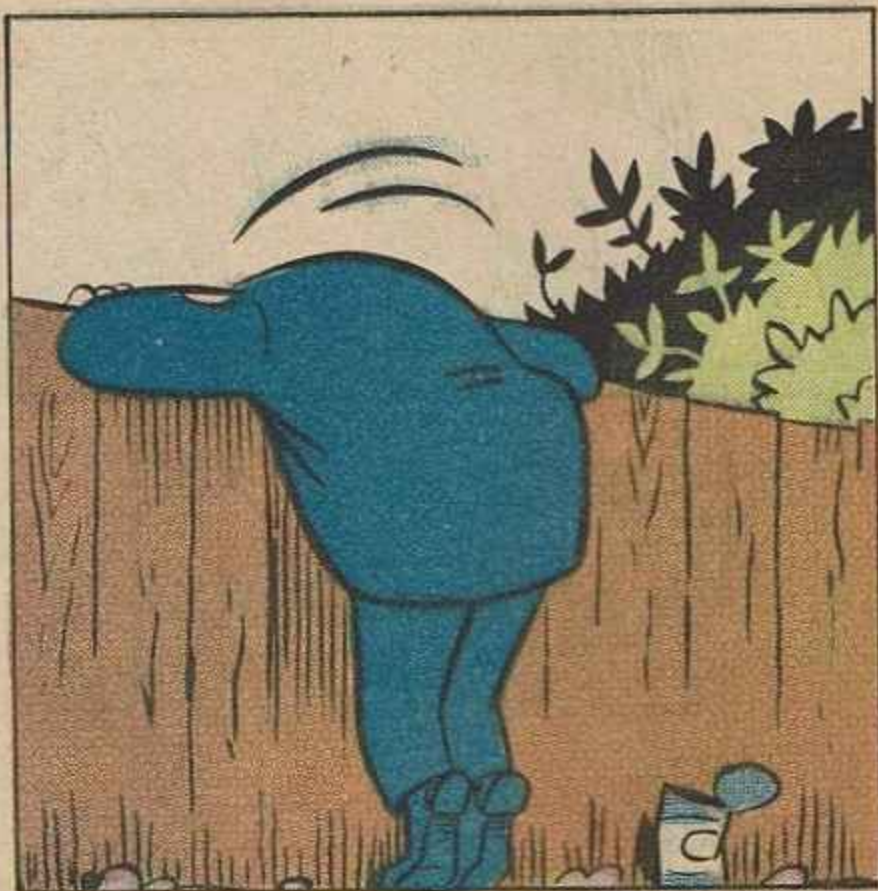






TOP CAT in Listen, Dibble!







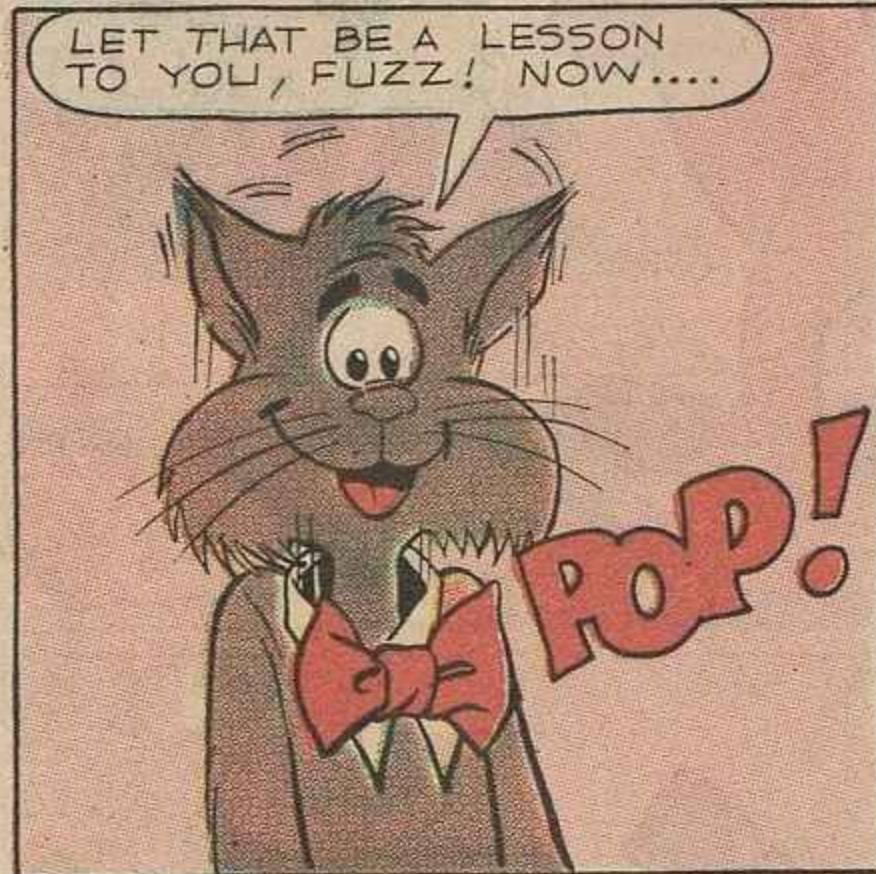




GOLLY GEE... I
SHOULDN'T HAVE HIT
HIM SO HARD!



LET THAT BE A LESSON
TO YOU, FUZZ! NOW....



...KINDLY DIRECT ME TO THE
RESTAURANT WITH THE FINEST
CUISINE IN YOUR FAIR CITY!



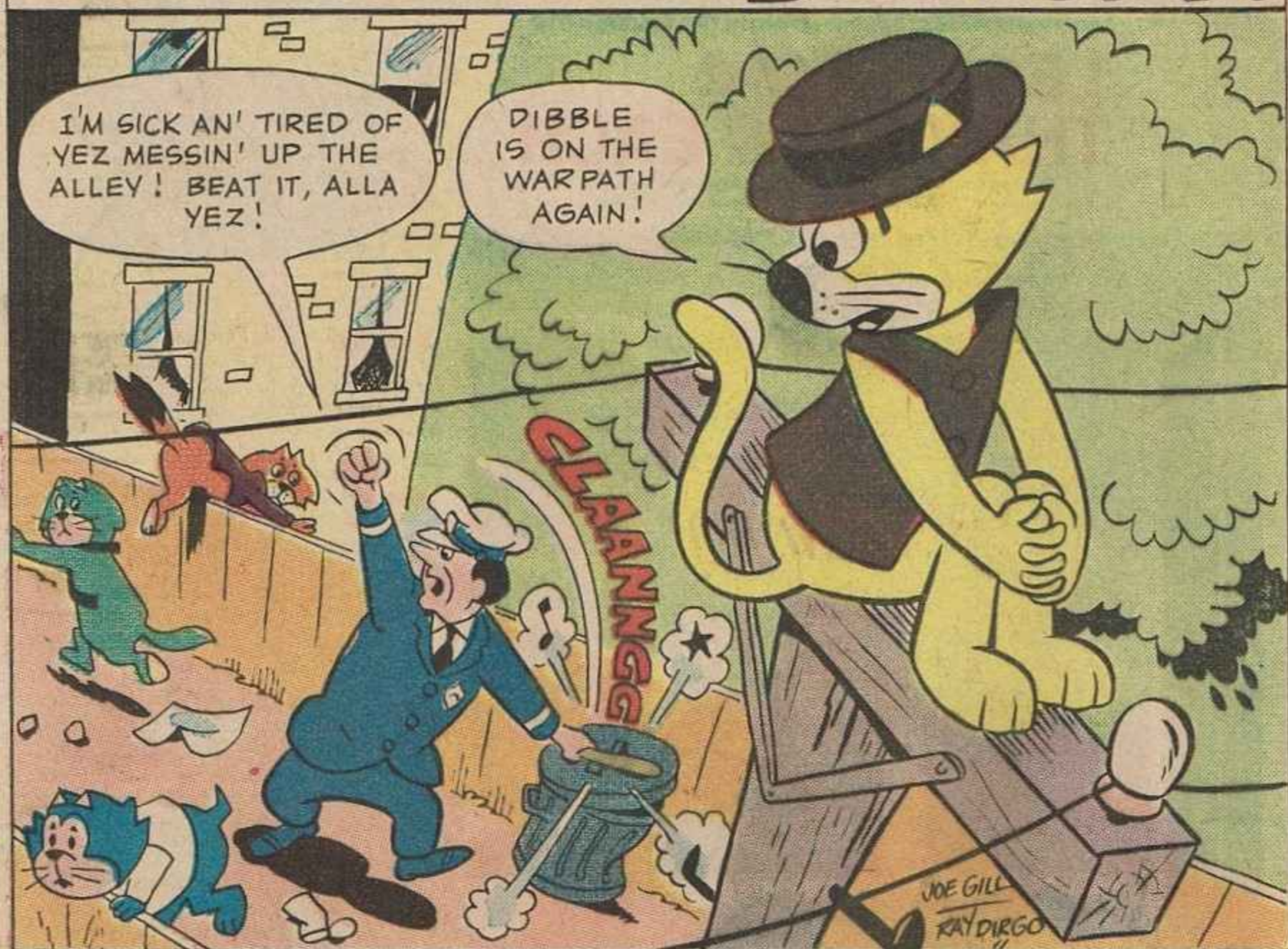
I'M GONNA COME ALONG AN'
WATCH! THIS OUGHTA BE GOOD
WHEN JOE BRINGS YA THE CHECK!

BE MY GUEST
SIR, THE DINNER
IS ON ME!

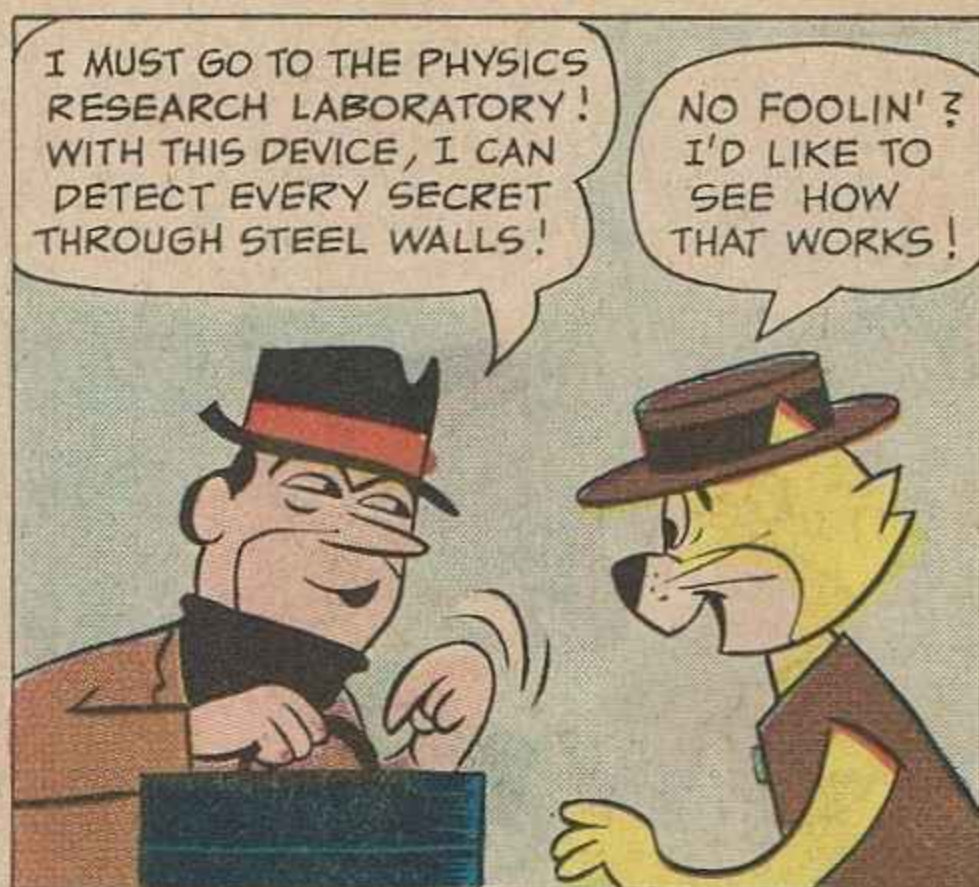




TOP CAT in *SSSSSHHH, I'M A SPY!*









BONERS, MOANERS, and GROANERS

For more than thirty years I have taught those darling little children in the grade schools. It has been necessary for me to give them examinations on what they have studied and learned. Sometimes the examination is written. Other times it is oral. I also have to ask them questions about what they are doing. One thing is certain: If teacher is not clear in pronouncing the word or doesn't make the meaning of the thought clear, those kids can give you unusual answers.

Jimmy was the dirtiest boy in our class. Time after Time, I sent for his mother. She gave it up as hopeless. I was determined to see if I could succeed where she had failed. So on a Tuesday morning he came to school looking as though he had fallen into a sea of mud. I held up a bright new twenty-five cent coin.

"Jimmy," I began. "I am going to give you part of a saying. If you complete it correctly I will give you this as your reward."

The rest of the class looked at Jimmy. They wondered what I had in mind. Could I get him to look clean?

"Finish this saying: Cleanliness is next to....."

Now make no mistake about it. Jimmy was a smart boy. And he figured out just what I wanted him to say. But he beat me at it.

"Cleanliness is next to....IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME," he grinned.

Now what could I do? I gave him the coin. But next week he was exceedingly clean. What miracle had taken place? He saw little Helen in the lunch room. And his heart skipped a beat or two. And he used soap to brighten himself up. I was assigned lunch room duty by the principal for an entire week. And strange things can take place when kids start eating-or finish eating.

Little Iris started to walk from table to table. She had something on her finger. I walked up to her. At first glance it resembled a donut.

"What is it?" I asked her.

"My engagement ring," she smiled at me. "Peter gave it to me this morning. Isn't it nice?"

"It's a bagel," explained Helen to me. "Much cheaper than a real diamond engagement ring. You can't eat a diamond but you can eat a bagel. But with lox and cream cheese. Delicious. Want that I should ask my mother to make one for you? Bring it tomorrow?"

So the next day Helen brought it to me and I had it for lunch. Then I noticed little Jane also going from table to table. But instead of wearing

a bagel on her finger, she was wearing a cigar band. Which she proudly showed to me.

"My engagement ring. Joey gave it to me. Isn't it nice?"

For some reason that I can't as yet explain, I had a terrible vision of one of the boys giving a girl an automobile tire as an engagement ring. On Wednesday I saw little Jane crying.

"What's the matter?" I asked sympathetically. "Feel ill?"

"Joey broke the engagement," she sobbed. "Tell him I want my cookies back. Oh, I hate him so. He's a monster."

I had no time to give her an answer. Suddenly I was struck in the back of my neck by a paper airplane. Ever try to make one from a sheet paper. Jimmy rushed up to me.

"Sorry," he apologized. "My aim isn't so good. Didn't mean it."

Then Marvin came up to me. With a big grin all over his freckled face. I had an idea of what was coming.

"I know a puzzle you can't answer," he told me. "What is the difference between a flag pole and a tadpole?"

I had to take some kind of a guess at the answer. "A flagpole is on land and a tadpole is on water," I told him.

"You can have a flagpole on water," interrupted Herbert. "My father has a boat. And we have a flagpole on it. And if you bring a tadpole on land then there it is."

I figured there ought to be a way out of all of this. So I admitted that I didn't know the correct answer.

"You can fly a flag on a flagpole," announced Marvin. "But you can't fly a flag on a tadpole."

"I'm not so certain about that," I suddenly said. "You bring a tadpole to school next Monday. I think I can find a very small miniature flag. In fact I think we have a miniature school flag. If I find one, then we fly it on the tadpole."

"No fair," said Marvin. "I haven't a tadpole. So I can't bring what I haven't got to school. Gee, you got some answers. Bet you could pass an examination better than my older brother. He goes to another school."

And just then the bell rang and that was the end of the lunch period.

TOP CAT PIN-UP

T.C., I GOT YEZ ALL TICKETS FOR THE MET GAME 'CAUSE YEZ BEEN ON YER GOOD BEHAVIOR LATELY!

OH, NO!!

METS

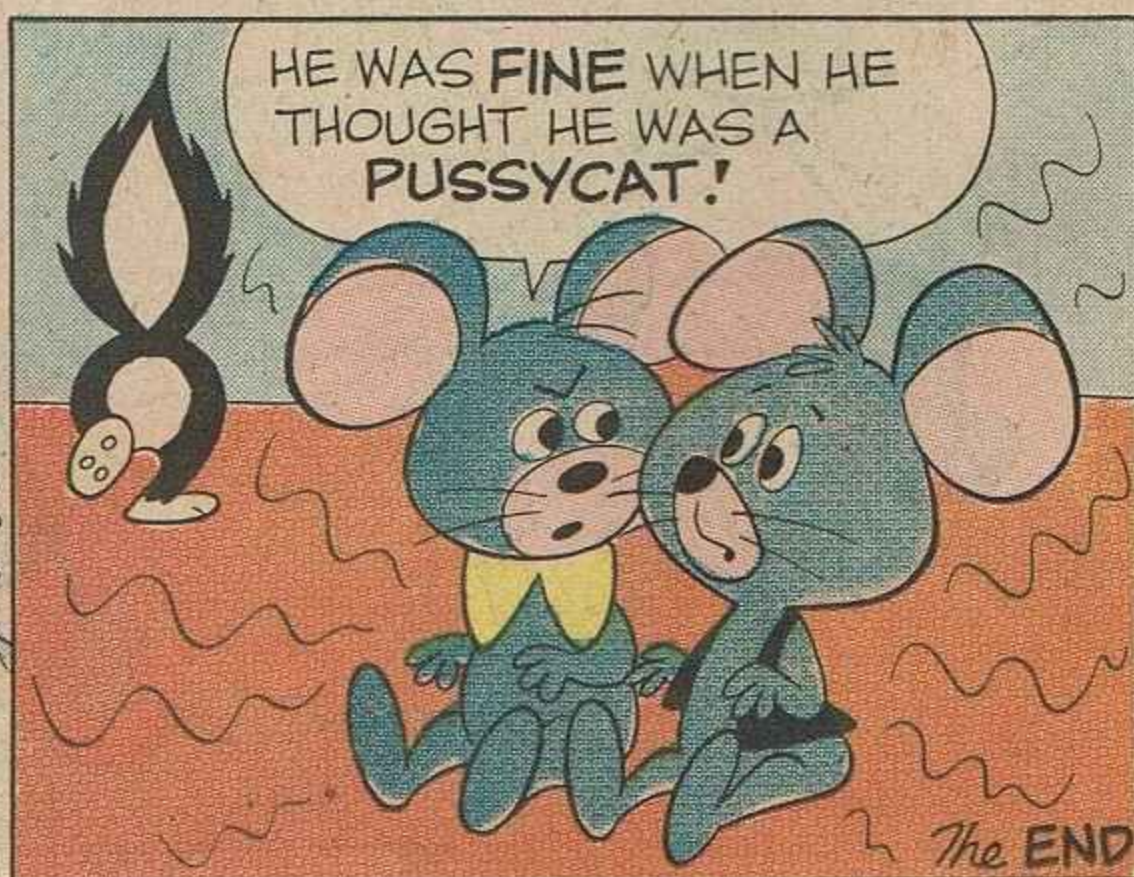
JOE GILL
RAY DIRGO

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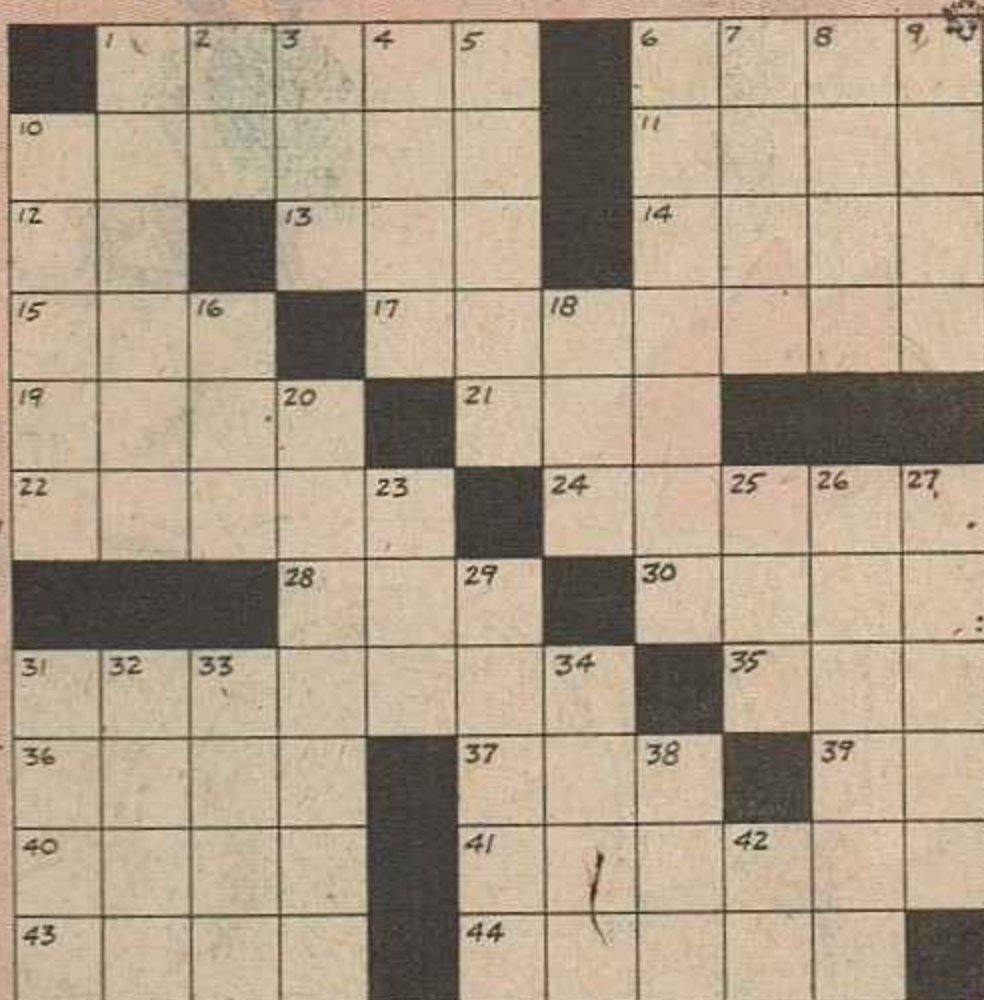


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PUZZLE PAGE

ACROSS

1. COMPLETELY
6. FISHING BAIT
10. HABIT
11. TOWARD SHELTER
12. MUSIC NOTE
13. WEEP ALOUD
14. SCORCH
15. HELP
17. LOCK APERTURE
19. FROZEN FLAKES
21. RODENT
22. HIGH, AS PRICES
24. CHEW VIGOROUSLY
28. SNAKELIKE FISH
30. UNCOVERED
31. OVERDUE WAGES (2 WDS.)
35. POD VEGETABLE
36. TOOTH COMPLAINT
37. GOLF GADGET
39. NEAR BY
40. BROAD SMILE
41. TORMENT
43. CAUSE TO GO
44. RUB OUT

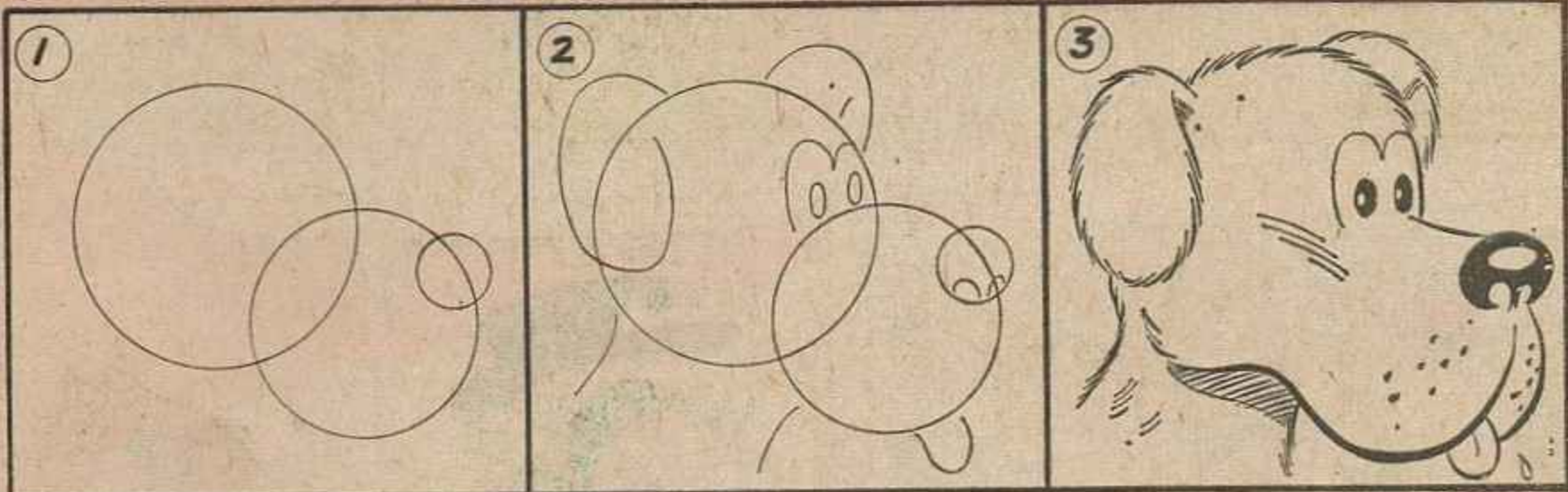


DOWN

1. PLEASINGLY ODD
2. YOU AND ME
3. THE THING'S
4. CAPTURED
5. LIVE COAL
6. CLEANSING VESSEL
7. MARGARINE
8. GENUINE
9. NOTHING MORE THAN
10. SCHOOL GROUP
16. FEMALE DEER
18. EDIBLE TUBER
20. FRIDAY TO MONDAY (2 WDS.)
23. LIVELINESS
25. SHORT SLEEP
26. WRINKLE
27. MAKES HOT
29. MACHINE TOOL
31. SACKS
32. LAND MEASURE
33. FACE EXTREMITY
34. PERIOD OF TIME
38. HISTORICAL PERIOD
42. BECAUSE

HOW TO DRAW

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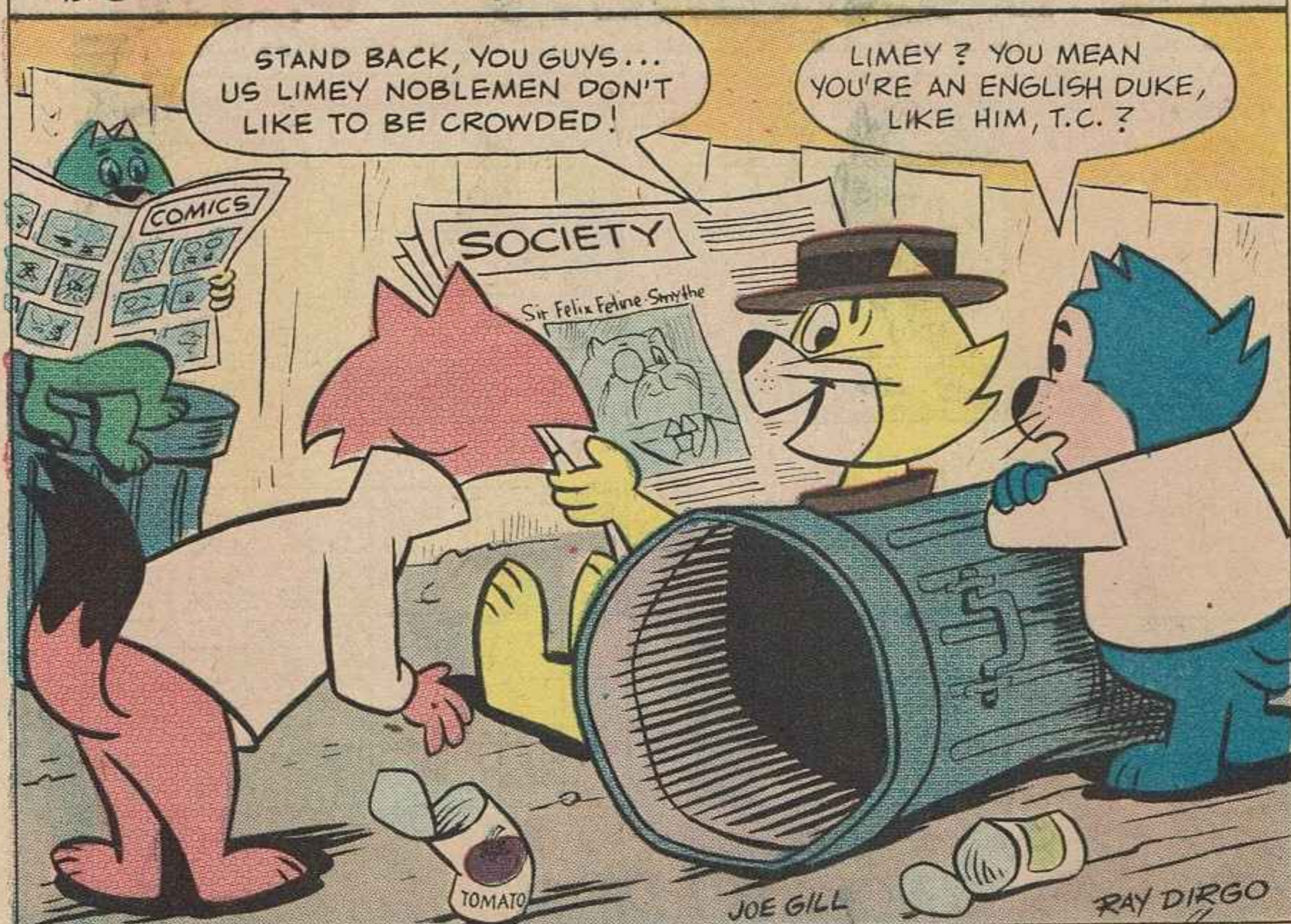
1. START BY DRAWING 3 CIRCLES VERY LIGHTLY, ONE BIGGER THAN THE OTHER AS INDICATED
2. SKETCH IN THE EARS, EYES AND NOSE...AND DON'T FORGET THE NECK AND TONGUE
3. NOW YOU CAN DRAW THE OUTLINE AND ERASE THE CIRCLES. FINISH YOUR DRAWING AS SHOWN

ANSWERS:

TURN PAGE UPSIDE DOWN

SEND	GRIN	ACHE	BACK	EEL	STEEL	SNOW	AID	LA	CUST	QUITE
ERASE	HARASS	TEEP	PAY	ARE	MUNCH	RAT	KEY	SOB	WORM	
ASS	ASS	AT	PEA	ARE	CH	AT	HOLE	SEAR	WORM	
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ASS	ASS	AT	PEA	ARE	CH	AT	HOLE	SEAR	WORM	

TOP CAT *in* A REAL PRINCE



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THIS CHARACTER SEZ HE GOT A FIRST COUSIN HERE WHO'S HEIR TO HALF THE ESTATE IN LONDON! I'M GOING TO HELP HIM OUT!

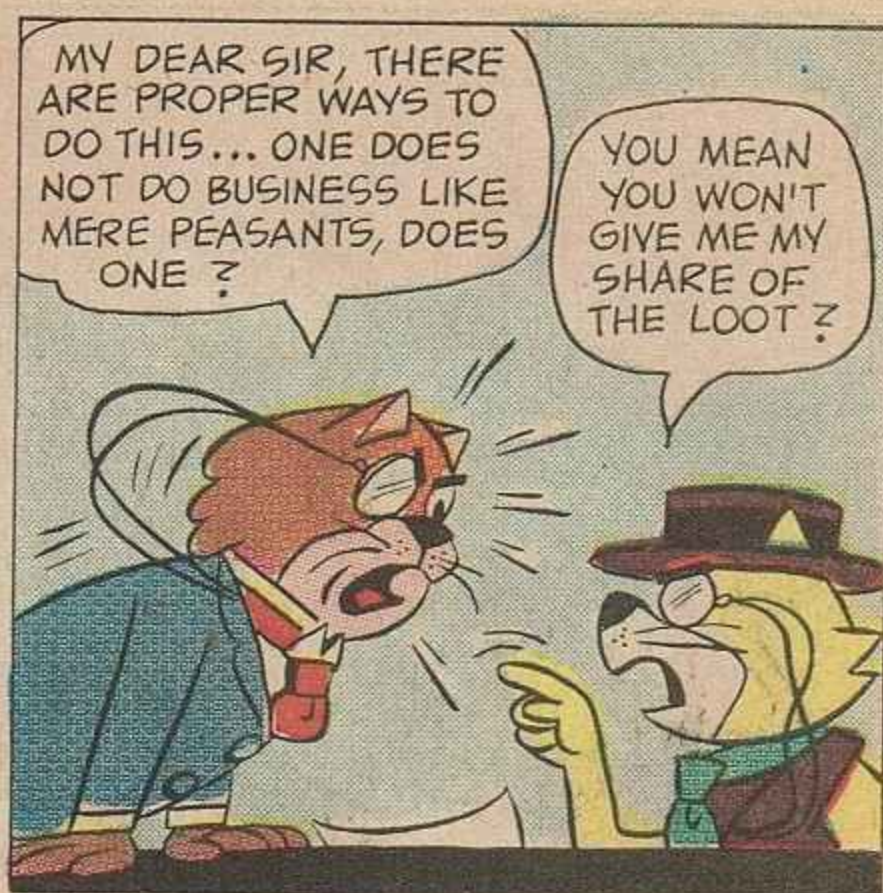
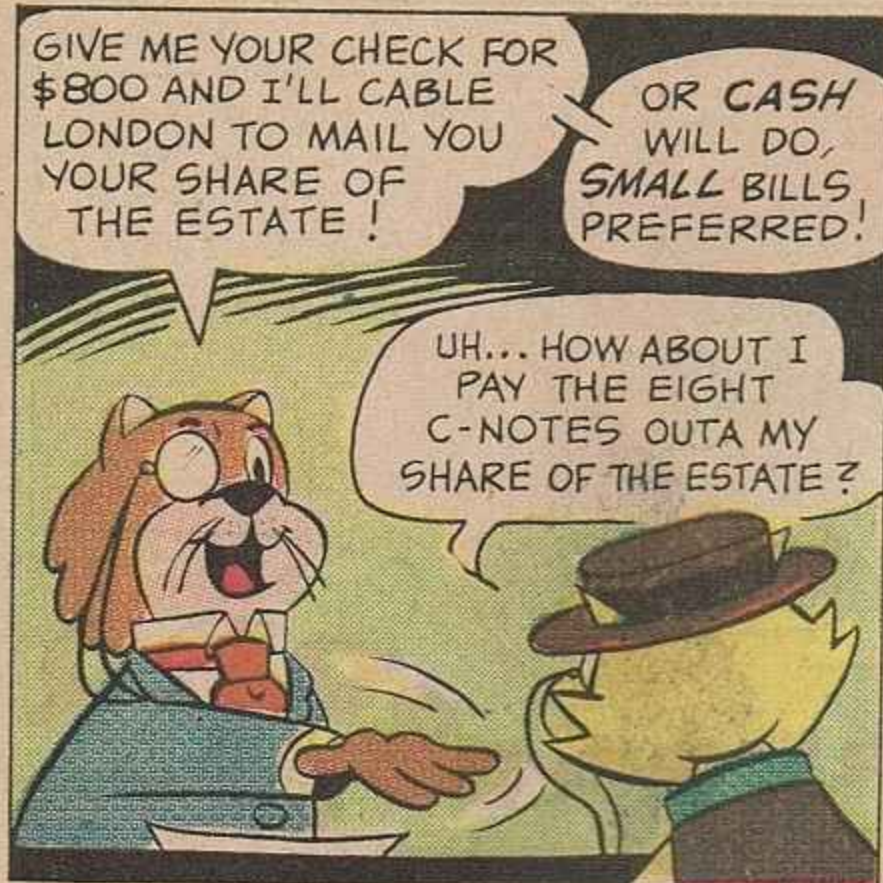


I SAY, OLD CHAPS, DIDN'T I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT MY UNCLE, THE DUKE OF LIVERPOOL? POUR THE TEA, PASS THE CRUMPETS AND LET ME OFF AT TRAFALGAR SQUARE!









CALLING ALL CARS,
CALLING ALL CARS--
TOP CAT WANTED FOR
QUESTIONING!

OH,
NO!

RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

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END

